

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

MAY 21, 1860.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. THOMSON submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the petition of Maurice K. Simons, praying for an increase of pension, beg leave to report:*

That it appears the petitioner was not serving in a military capacity at the time he received an injury which resulted in the loss of his leg, but was acting as a beef contractor in supplying the army in the Mexican war.

Under a special act of Congress, however, approved March 3, 1849, he was allowed a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the 1st March, 1848. He now prays a pension of forty dollars per month.

Although the services of the petitioner were of importance and commendable, yet the committee cannot feel authorized to grant his prayer, and recommend that it be denied.

